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Bonnet Worn by Nancy Hanks & Sarah Bush Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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Bonnet Gift From Lincoln Family Given to Dale Historical Group

HUNTINGSBURG, Ind., July 14 (Spl.)—Mrs. Edna McDaniels Bockting, who died June 13, at age eighty-five, is shown here with a bonnet, a treasured possession of hers for almost fifty years. It is believed to have been made and worn by Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of Abraham Lincoln, and also by Sarah Bush Lincoln, Thomas Lincoln's second wife.

The bonnet is believed to have been given to the McDaniels family, neighbors of the Lincoln, by Sarah Lincoln some time before 1830, when the Lincolns left Indiana. In 1865 at the time of Lincoln's assassination, the bonnet was brought out and eventually was given to the mother of Mrs. Bockting, who passed it on to her daughter.

It has become the property of the Lincoln Youth Library Association, Dale, which has been at work for ten years gathering information and relics associated with the years which Abraham Lincoln spent in Spencer county.